Dell TechKnow

Student Application

Name: _____ **Student Number:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

School: _____ **Current Grade Level:** _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone/ Pager #: _____ **Work #:** _____

Is there a working computer in your home at this time? ❏ Yes ❏ No

If yes, please indicate when the computer was purchased new: ❏ less than 1 year ❏ 1-2 years ago ❏ more than 3 years

How many hours per day is the computer used? _____ **Explain** _____

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Why do you want to participate in the Dell TechKnow program? _____

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Signature of school sponsor (Principal, Assistant Principal,

Guidance Counselor, Teacher or other school staff member) → _____

Student Contract

Any students who meet the following requirements may enroll in the Dell TechKnow program:
- **Good School Attendance (See details on Back)**
- **Average or above average grades (C and above)**
- **Ability to demonstrate good citizenship**
- **Currently enrolled in a Fayette County Middle School (grades 6,7,8)**

Attendance Requirements: Dell TechKnow classes
In order to stay in the program, students may not have absences. Students will need a written excuse from a parent or guardian explaining the student's absence for any class. Two tardies to class will equal one missed class. A missed class means that the student will not be eligible to take the computer home at the end of class.

Practice good citizenship
Good citizenship is demonstrated by being a positive member at school and in the Dell TechKnow program. In order to be involved with Dell TechKnow, students must abide by Fayette County Public Schools and LFUCG Community Center established rules and etiquette.

I hereby authorize the Dell TechKnow personnel to verify student grades with Fayette County Public Schools.
By signing below you indicate that you understand this document and agree to the terms of the student contact.

Note to Parent/Guardian: Please sign below to indicate your: (1) awareness of your child's interest in the Dell TechKnow program and (2) intention to attend one information meeting.

_____ _____ _____ _____
Student's signature   Date   Parent's/Guardian's signature   Date

When completed, please send this application and a copy of the student's most recent report card to:
Eric Howard, Division of Parks and Recreation, 469 Parkway Drive, Lexington, KY 40504; or fax to (859) 288-2999

Dell TechKnow Program Requirements

School Attendance - In order to stay in this program, students may not miss an excessive amount of school days. Students will need a written excuse from a parent or guardian explaining the student's absence. Two tardies to class will be considered a missed day.

Referrals and Suspensions from school are unacceptable and may result in expulsion from the program.

Probation - Probation is a second chance to correct any or all of the following behaviors. If a student enrolled in the Dell TechKnow program fails to meet the outlined standards by having unexcused absences, less than a C average or by behaving poorly in school or in the program, a student will be put on probation. The guidelines of a students' probationary period will be determined in a contract with the instructor.

Attendance - Students are required to work with school instructor to make up any and all missed assignments. Students are required to spend one hour in an after-school tutoring program or with the teacher to complete missed assignments. Students are required to provide the Dell TechKnow instructor a note indicating completed outstanding assignments from each missed class.

Grades - Students are required to develop a contract with the Dell TechKnow instructor and teacher outlining a plan to improve a low grade. This contract will be necessary for students to continue attending the Dell TechKnow program.

Citizenship - Students must develop a contract with the Dell TechKnow instructor outlining inappropriate behavior(s) and indicate their intention to improve their behavior(s).

A parent or guardian of enrolled students MUST attend a mandatory information meeting. Upon acceptance to the program, you will be notified of the meeting's date, time and location.

About the Dell TechKnow Program and Tubby's Clubhouses

In January 2004, Tubby Smith's Foundation along with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Division of Parks & Recreation, the Lexington Fayette County Urban League, Fayette County Public Schools and Dell Inc. embarked on a program to bring computer and technology education programs to middle school students.

The TechKnow program from Dell Inc. is offered at Tubby's Clubhouse locations within the Carver, Castlewood, Dunbar and Kenwick Community Centers; the Urban League Technology Center; and through Fayette County Public School locations.

Now, more than 1,000 students have successfully completed the TechKnow program and each earned a computer, monitor, software and accessories that they will keep.

Applications are now being accepted for the next TechKnow program. Fill out the application, sign it, and send it to the address at the bottom of the application.

For information about Tubby's Clubhouses or the Dell TechKnow program, call Eric Howard at (859) 288-2984. To request an application, call (859) 288-2900 or stop by your school's Guidance office.